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Robert Casey Family Collection
Collection Number: 74 THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 2021. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in December 2024.

EXTENT: 1 folder.

DATE: 1858-1879.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains two maps of “Homespun,” the property of John Bell, Esq.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: “Homespun” was also known as the “Bell House,” and it was located off present-day Cedar Creek Grade, west of Winchester. The home was possibly constructed around the 1790s and was originally owned by John Miller. His daughter, Rebecca Miller Bell, took ownership upon his death in 1815 bringing it into the Bell family. John N. Bell would lose the property to creditors during the Civil War, but his grandson, Stewart Bell Sr., would purchase it back paying off the debt 75 years later.

RELATED MATERIAL: Stewart Bell Jr. Collection, 7 WFCHS

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Kalbian, Maral S. *Frederick County, Virginia: History Through Architecture*. Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, 1999.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Robert Casey.

CONTAINER LIST:

FOLDER 1 – Physical Location: Oversize, Box 27

Map of Homespun, the property of John Bell, Esq., surveyed and drawn by Wm. Blythe, 1858, 1 item

Map of parcels of John Bell’s home “Homespun,” titled “Homespun in the Estate of John N. Bell, Esq., in Two Parcels,” 1879, 1 item